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Elimination of the contract for fisheries coverage by
Interior would deny the NIS the support of the single knowledgeable
Agency of the national Government in this field - which is of
major significance for analyzing and understanding the levels of
consumption, economic activity patterns, and dynamics of development
for about one-fourth of the underdeveloped foreign countries, and
which is a major economic enterprise (in some cases the chief
source of foreign exchange) for a substantial number of developed
countries -- including, e.g., Iceland, Norway, Portugal, Mexico,
and Peru. CIA components maintain no present coverage of this
topic for Free World countries other than published trade statistics,
and are primarily dependent on Interior submissions for the NIS
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